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Chief of Station, Guatemala

LINCOLN

KUCOWN
Current Operations

1. This is to recapitulate the understanding about current KUCOWN operations reached between you and Jeremy T. NUTTING during his recent visit at your station.

2. ESSENCE will soon carry out another "32" campaign, this time to be conducted throughout the country within the same short time, say 2 or 3 hours. You will give us at least 6 days notice of the exact timing of this operation so that we can prepare a "spot" announcement via SHERWOOD. If there are any last minute changes or if circumstances should make your operation impossible, you must advise us by OPS IMMEDIATE cable so that we can call off the SHERWOOD announcement (failure to do so might result in grave embarrassment).

3. You will carry out the "Death Notice" operation, aiming, however, not at top people, but at medium and low level (department and city government, PGT etc.) officials — considering that the latter are more likely to be impressed by such tactics than the comparatively more sophisticated top leaders.

4. You will send us any reports on trends in public opinion, rumors, popular jokes, etc. which you can possibly obtain (without neglecting your other work), especially any such material which refers directly to one of our operations, for instance, to SHERWOOD, WASHTUB, or the like.

5. New subject: We shall send you 150 leaflet bombs in due time. These bombs are meant for use in Guatemala City only (we shall make arrangements through other channels for other areas) and you must not make any use of them prior to the release date which we shall cable to you later. We feel that this rather spectacular (and presumably in Guatemala hitherto unknown) means of distribution might create a panic at the wrong

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time and in the wrong direction - considering the high tension apparently prevailing in government and other circles - and must therefore time the use of this device carefully.

6. We shall also send you - if feasible, in this same pouch - various writing and painting materials which you might issue immediately to ESSENCE or any other suitable personnel.

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JEROME C. DUNBAR

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